

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE

July 8, 2005; 4:00 P.M.

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Present: Commissioners Tommy Jones, Eric Owen, Earl Wright, Roger Stewart, James H. Westbrook, Jr., and Dick Phebus.

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: None.

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Friday, July 8, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. at the Weakley County Board of Education/Department of Finance in the board room. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Richard Barber-Director of Schools, Ron Gifford-County Mayor, Mark Seat-Emergency Management Director, Mike Wilson-Sheriff, Donna Winstead-Register of Deeds, Keith Jones-Juvenile Service Officer, Beth Forrester- 911 Director, Pat Scarbrough-County Clerk, Jamison Peevyhouse- Public Safety Director, Donald Doster-Trustee, Pam Belew-Circuit Court, Suzanne Kroll-Office on Aging, Candy McAdams-Library, Kermit Hopper-Road Supervisor, Mac Buckley-County Commissioner, David Rook-County Commissioner, and a representative from the Dresden Enterprise.

Chairman Dick Phebus called the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve the July 7, 2005 minutes and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fund 131 Highway 05-06 FY Budget

Page 1 has the additional \$20 dollar wheel tax revenue for 10 months inserted and the property tax revenue has been decreased.

Page 3 line 505 (Judgments) is for the Methodist Healthcare lawsuit.

Page 4 has increases in lines 143 (Equipment Operators) and line 147 (Truck Drivers) and decreases in line 149 (Laborers) due to reclassifying personnel. The total number of positions is the same.

Page 4 line 438 (Pipe) is \$200,000 for 05-06 FY. Pipe (line 438) in the 03-04 FY was \$175,000. Pipe costs have increased by 50%. Hopper stated that the purchasing power for supplies has decreased because of the increase in prices.

Page 7 line 511 (Vehicle and Equipment Insurance) covers 4 large trucks and 9 small trucks. This line is down \$41,551 due to the county insurance being bid out for 05-06 FY.

Chairman Phebus stated that other surrounding counties work with 5 – 10 fewer employees than Weakley County.

The Capital Outlay budget will be used to upgrade roads.

Commissioner Stewart stated that lines 713 (Highway Construction) and 714 (Highway Equipment) will be placed back in the Highway department budget for the 06-07 FY.

Hopper stated that the County completes 25 miles of hot mix per year. County roads are made up of 600 miles of gravel and 334 miles are hot mix.

Hopper stated that he did not have funds to justify employee pay increases.

Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the highway budget subject to employee pay increases and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion passed unanimously.

Fund 176 Highway Capital Projects 05-06 FY Budget

Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to approve the highway capital projects budget with a tax levy of 2 ½ cents and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed with five for and Commissioner Stewart opposing.

Fund 151 Debt Service 05-06 FY Budget

Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to approve the debt service budget with a tax levy of 50 cents and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed with five for and Commissioner Stewart opposing.

Fund 141 General Purpose School 05-06 FY Budget

Commissioner Owen made a motion to approve the \$65,000 increase in line 590 (Debt Service) and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

Line 43570 is revenue from individual schools.

Barber stated that he can afford employee pay raises without looking for revenue.

Line 46850 (Mixed Drink Tax) is \$600. Commissioner Westbrook suggested that someone send a letter to all city recorders and Dennis Dycas a copy of the law for distribution of the mixed drink tax.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the general purpose school budget with a tax levy of 80 cents and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

Fund 101 General Fund 05-06 FY Budget

Line 48140 (Cont. Service E911) should be \$74,777.

Chairman Phebus stated that he requested that Ms. Cashon be present to discuss the election commission budget cuts. She was not in attendance.

County Mayor Gifford stated that the budget is in good shape and he is satisfied with all line items in the budget. He also added that fund balance would be the only place for employee pay raises to come from.

Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to approve the general fund budget with a tax levy of 66 cents and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jones made a motion for 3 % pay increase for all county employees. Commissioner Stewart asked if line 101 in the finance budget would be affected by the motion and Chairman Phebus stated that it would not be affected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Owen and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing Scheduled

The Weakley County Finance, Ways, and Means Committee meeting is scheduled to meet on July 25, 2005 at 5:00 P.M. for a public hearing of the 2005-2006 budget. The meeting will be held in the County Commission Courtroom at the Weakley County Courthouse in Dresden, Tennessee.

2005-2006 Tax Rate

Commissioner Stewart made the motion to set the tax rates for the 2005-2006 FY at

18.5 cents Highway
80 cents General Purpose School
2.5 cents Highway Capital Projects
50 cents Debt Service
66 cents General Fund

for a total of \$2.17 which is no increase over the 2004-2005 FY.

Meeting Time Changes

The meeting scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2005 at 4:30 P.M. was cancelled.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marci Floyd, Recording Secretary
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Approved:

Richard Phebus, Chairman
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Date: _____